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A STREAM OF LIQUID TEST PACKAGES IN A CAPSULE CHEMISTRY ANALYSIS SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004 for the subject patent application. Applicants request a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. A credit card payment form for the two-month extension of time fee (\$420) is enclosed. Please charge any additional fees needed for the entry of this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 18-1743.

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